

# WATERFRONT PROJECT 2018–2020

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## REVISED SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR HIGHWAY 19A UPGRADES

### POWERLINE WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN 2021

One of the final steps of the Highway 19A Upgrades work – the undergrounding of overhead powerlines – will be postponed to 2021 due to efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The City of Campbell River has updated the project schedule after receiving notice from BC Hydro that due to the spring/summer impacts of COVID-19 mitigation measures, they would be unable to provide crews for this work until late January 2021. That schedule will be dependent on crew availability during the winter season.

The City's team is working with the contractor and service providers to complete all the work that can be completed in 2020 as outlined in the original schedule to reduce the impact in 2021 as much as possible between Rockland Road and Big Rock Boat Ramp. All underground services will be installed, and the aboveground improvements will be largely complete this year as anticipated.

"COVID-19 has impacted all of us in many different ways, and despite the best efforts of all involved – including other project partners such as BC Hydro – this is the reality of the changes and delays we saw in the spring, playing out to the end of the year," said Deputy City Manager Ron Neufeld.

Construction work for 2020 along the highway is expected to be complete in December, and Rockland Road will reopen then and remain open through 2021.

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### Heavy Load Coming Through

Four of these large concrete blocks (8 pieces in total) were installed along the project corridor in late August. They are the junction boxes for the underground powerlines and will be in place and ready for the wires to be moved in 2021. Installation of these blocks is a notable achievement: with the help of a special crane brought in particularly for this job, the work was completed successfully.



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## PROJECT BRIEFS AND UPDATES

### Pump station work schedule to be confirmed

Crews are expected to start work this month on the Waterfront Sewer Project pump stations, which are located between Rotary Beach Park and the Anchor Inn. This work will be off of roadways and two-lane traffic will always be maintained. Work is expected to be complete in April 2021.

### Landscape planning work underway

The project team is working on the final landscaping plan for the area, including the planting plans for the new Ellis Park and parklet, roundabout centre feature, boulevards and parking lot at Rockland Road. To optimize the planting conditions, the landscape work has been scheduled for spring 2021 – and is largely off roadway.



### Updated Work Schedule

There is a lot of work that will be completed in 2020, despite the postponement of undergrounding overhead wires:

#### 2020 CHECKLIST:

- Replacement of underground water, sewer service on Highway 19A and Rockland Road
- Install of new storm service and infrastructure to house overhead services
- New sidewalks, cycling lanes and improved seawalk
- Creation of new park spaces
- Curbs, centre turn lane and roadside parking
- New roundabout and parking area at Rockland Road
- Reopening of Rockland Road

#### 2021 CHECKLIST:

- Installation of underground wires into infrastructure installed in 2020
- Removal of overhead wires and poles
- Final paving
- Install of roundabout centre feature
- Landscaping (on schedule for Spring 2021 – off roadways)



## QUICK QUESTION

Answering frequently-asked questions about the project:

**Q:** Why are the large rocks and wall being installed around the Big Rock/Rockland area?

**A:** The rip rap and concrete wall are designed to armour the shoreline and protect the road and infrastructure from rising ocean levels. This is an example of planning and design by the City of Campbell River looking forward to the long-term protection of critical infrastructure in the area. Through this section – which is quite narrow – the City is using the adaptation method of ‘resist’, which means putting barriers in place to protect infrastructure. The concrete wall is designed to protect against anticipated high-water levels to 2050.

We know that some people accessed the beach in this area. To replace this access, a new parklet is being installed a few properties north of the Big Rock. A lookout area is being constructed at the Big Rock as well.



## KEEPING YOU INFORMED



The City is committed to updating area residents as the work moves forward. We will contact people or property owners who will be directly affected by construction.

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